THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b) No, Sir, However, the Ministry of Environment & Forests (National River Conservation Directorate) have informed that prevention of pollution of river Godavari in four towns of Andhra Pradesh viz. Mancharial, Bhadrachalam, Rajamundry and Ramagundam has been taken up under the Centrally sponsored National River Conservation Plan at an approved cost of Rs. 53.7872 crores. The cost is to be shared equally between the Central and the State Governments. A sum of Rs. 3.813 crores has been released to the State Government, as Central share, so far, for the execution of the scheme, This does not include any funds to provide drinking water to Ramagundam, Rajamundry municipalities, etc. in Visakhapatnam.

(c) HUDCO has sanctioned loan assistance of Rs. 293.14 crores for 40 water supply schemes in Andhra Pradesh for a total project cost of Rs. 465.64 crores.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) HUDCO has released an amount of Rs. 7.12 crores to the State Government for implementation of the drinking water schemes in the State.

Utilisation of Funds for Water Supply

3902. SHRI SANAT MEHTA :
SHRIMATI BHAVNA BEN DEVRAJ BHAI CHIKHALIA :

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government had granted a sum of Rs. 40 crores for reviving the alternative irrigation and drinking water supply aimed at providing uninterrupted water supply to 265 villages in various places of Baroda Distt;

(b) if so, whether the amount sanctioned and released by the Union Government has been fully utilised by the State Government; and

(c) if not, the steps taken by the Government or propose to take for the utilisation of the funds for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) The Union Government has released Rs. 40.395 crore to the State Government of Gujarat during 1996-97 for safe drinking water supply to not covered and partially covered habitations including such habitations in Baroda district.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Petroleum Conservation

3903. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :
KUMARI UMABHARATI :
SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY :
DR. RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether petroleum Conservation Research Association has been promised Rs.84 crore by the United Nations Development programme;

(b) if so, the manner in which the funds are likely to be utilised;

(c) the schemes/programmes drawn up by PCRA; and

(d) the percentage dependence of imported crude at present and likely dependence after the implementation of this conservation programme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, dialogue is on with Global Environment Facility (GEF) for funding of a project for saving 30-39% consumption of energy by about 200 steel re-rolling mills spread all over the country.

(d) As per the revised estimates for the year 1996-97 the dependence on imported crude is 53.1% of the total crude processing. The implementation of this project is estimated to result in a serving of 0.5 lakh tonnes of oil and 0.8 lakh tonnes of coal per year. Implementation of the conservation programme is not likely to reflect in dependence on import of crude oil, since, the later depend on refining capacity and indigenous crude production.

Neelam Oil Field

3904. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE :
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :
SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the amount invested by ONGC in the Neelam Oil Field Offshore Project;

(b) whether it was planned to produce 6 million tonnes of crude every year from the Neelam Oil Field;

(c) whether the production of crude there has never reached three million tonnes in a year;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether it is proposed to invite multinationals for Neelam Oil Field consultancy;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether Neelam Oil Field is proposed to be awarded to Joint Venture Company; and